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Woman sues Google over Utah walking directions

PAUL FOY

Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A pedestrian injured by a motorist while following an online route has filed a lawsuit claiming Google Inc. supplied unsafe directions.

Lauren Rosenberg filed a lawsuit on Thursday seeking more than \$100,000 in U.S. District Court in Utah. It also named a motorist she says hit her.

Rosenberg used her phone in January to download directions from one end of Park City to the other.

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President Barack Obama, accompanied by BP Oil Spill Commission co-chairs former Florida Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., right, and former EPA Administrator William Reilly, walks to the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, June 1, 2010, after their meeting.

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Al and Tipper Gore, married 40 years, to separate

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Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Former Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, are separating after 40 years of marriage that included a White House run when their sunny relationship offered a counterpoint to President Bill Clinton's philandering. According to an e-mail circulated among the couple's associates on Tuesday, the Gores said it was "a mutual and mutually supportive decision that we have made together following a process of long and careful consideration." Gore spokeswoman Kalee Kreider confirmed the statement came from the Gores, but declined to comment further.



In this Sept. 16, 2007 file photo, former Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper Gore arrive for the 59th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. Former Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, are separating after 40 years of marriage.

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In this Jan. 20, 2009 file photo, former Vice President Al Gore and his wife Tipper, listen to the national anthem at the conclusion of inaugural ceremonies on Capitol in Washington. Former Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, are separating after 40 years of marriage.

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The Gores were telling friends they “grew apart” after 40 years of marriage and there was no affair involved, according to two longtime close associates and family friends, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because it was a personal matter.

The associates said the

Associated Press Gores, over time, had carved out separate lives, with the former vice president on the road frequently. One of the associates said: “Their lives had gotten more and more separated.”

Al Gore lost the 2000 presidential election to Republican George W. Bush. He has since campaigned

worldwide to draw attention to climate change, which in 2007 led to a Nobel Peace Prize and an Oscar for the documentary “An Inconvenient Truth.”

The Gores, who were married on May 19, 1970, at the National Cathedral in Washington, crafted an image as a happily married couple during his eight-year stint as vice president in the 1990s and a presidential candidate in 2000. The couple famously exchanged a long kiss during the 2000 Democratic presidential convention.

The image of their warm relationship stood in sharp contrast to the Clinton marriage rocked by Bill Clinton’s affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, a scandal that hung over Gore’s own presidential campaign.

Al Gore at the time said his wife was “someone I’ve loved with my whole heart since the night of my high school senior prom.”

In a speech to the 2004 Democratic convention, Gore said he wanted to thank “with

all my heart my children and grandchildren, and especially my beloved partner in life, Tipper.”

Tipper said in a 2000 campaign interview with The Associated Press that Al once gave her a Weedeater for her birthday but had learned to be more sensitive over the years and cared about what she wanted. “He’s very much a gentleman you know, with me around the house,” Tipper said. “I know he’s dog tired and he could be sitting down and doing something and I need something across the room, he’ll get up and get it.”

Tipper Gore was a co-founder in 1985 of the Parents Music Resource Center, which pushed for parental warning labels on music with violent or sexually explicit lyrics. The group drew the ire of musicians ranging from Dee Snider of Twisted Sister to Frank Zappa, who said warning labels were unnecessary and a danger to freedom.

Tipper Gore later became friends with the late Zappa’s

wife, Gail, and played drums and sang backup on daughter Diva Zappa’s album in 1999.

The Gores have four adult children, Karenna, Kristin, Sarah and Albert III.

In a letter written to then-girlfriend Tipper as a 17-year-old college freshman, Al Gore wrote: “Mother’s having a fit about me riding the motorcycle back to Harvard. Dad’s mad at my long hair.”

Gore later held his father’s former seats in the U.S. House and Senate for 16 years. He first ran for president in 1988 at age 39, but drew little support outside the South.

A subsequent bid in 1992 was derailed after the Gores’ 6-year-old son almost died after being hit by a car in 1989.

“It was a very spiritual time for both of us,” Tipper Gore later wrote. “In Al’s case, he decided to write a book and not to run for president in 1992.” The book was “Earth in the Balance,” and Al Gore ended up in the thick of the 1992 campaign anyway — as Bill Clinton’s running mate □



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Right to remain silent? Suspect better speak up

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

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WASHINGTON — Want to invoke your right to remain silent? You'll have to speak up.

In a narrowly split decision, the Supreme Court's conservative majority expanded its limits on the famous Miranda rights for criminal suspects on Tuesday — over the dissent of new Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who said the ruling turned Americans' rights of protection from police abuse “upside down.”

Justice Anthony Kennedy, who wrote the majority opinion, said a suspect who goes ahead and talks to police after being informed he doesn't have to has waived his right to remain silent. Elena Kagan, who has been nominated by President Barack Obama to join the court, sided with the police as U.S. solicitor general when the case came before the court. She would replace Justice John Paul Stevens, one of the dissenters.

A right to remain silent and a right to a lawyer are at the top of the warnings that police recite to suspects during arrests and interrogations. But Tuesday's majority said that suspects must break their silence and tell police they are going to remain quiet to stop an interrogation, just as they

must tell police that they want a lawyer.

This decision means that police can keep shooting questions at a suspect who refuses to talk as long as they want in hopes that the person will crack and give them some information, said Richard Friedman, a University of Michigan law professor.

“It's a little bit less restraint that the officers have to show,” Friedman said.

The ruling comes in a case in which a suspect, Van Chester Thompkins, remained mostly silent for a three-hour police interrogation before implicating himself in a Jan. 10, 2000, murder in Southfield, Mich. He appealed his conviction, saying he had invoked his Miranda right to remain silent by remaining silent.

Kennedy, writing the decision for the court's conservatives, said that wasn't enough.

“Thompkins did not say that he wanted to remain silent or that he did not want to talk to police,” Kennedy said. “Had he made either of these simple, unambiguous statements, he would have invoked his ‘right to cut off questioning.’ Here he did neither, so he did not invoke his right to remain silent.”

He was joined in the 5-4 opinion by Chief Justice John

Roberts and Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito.

Prosecutors cheered the decision, saying it takes the guesswork out of when police have to stop questioning suspects. “Is it too much to ask for a criminal suspect to say he doesn't want to talk to police?” said Scott Burns, executive director of the National District Attorneys Association.

This is the third time this session that the Supreme Court has placed limits on Miranda rights, which come from a 1966 decision — it involved police questioning of Ernesto Miranda in a rape and kidnapping case in Phoenix — requiring officers to tell suspects they have the right to remain silent and to have a lawyer represent them, even if they can't afford one.

Earlier this term, the high court ruled that a suspect's request for a lawyer is good for only 14 days after the person is released from police custody — the first time the court has placed a time limit on a request for a lawyer — and that police do not have to explicitly tell suspects they have a right to a lawyer during an interrogation.

For Justice Sotomayor, deciding to make suspects speak to have the right to

remain silent was a step too far. Sotomayor, the court's newest member, wrote a strongly worded dissent for the court's liberals, saying the majority's decision “turns Miranda upside down.”

“Criminal suspects must now unambiguously invoke their right to remain silent — which counterintuitively requires them to speak,” she said. “At the same time, suspects will be legally presumed to have waived their rights even if they have given no clear expression of their intent to do so. Those results, in my view, find no basis in Miranda or our subsequent cases and are inconsistent with the fair-trial principles on which those precedents are grounded.”

She was joined in her dissent by



In this Sept. 29, 2009 file photo, the newest Supreme Court member, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, poses with her colleagues at the Supreme Court in Washington.

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Stevens, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer □

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Google Maps led her to a four-lane boulevard without sidewalks that was “not reasonably safe for pedestrians,” according to the lawsuit filed by the Northridge, California, resident.

The case has become a sensation on tech blogs, websites and cable television channels, with critics assailing the woman for ignoring her own safety to blindly follow online directions. Her lawyer, Allen Young, said the truth was different.

Rosenberg believed she could reach a sidewalk on the other side of Deer Valley Drive and tried to cross the boulevard, but didn't even make it to the median, he said.

She was struck by a speeding car on a pitch-black night and received multiple bone fractures that required six weeks of rehabilitation, Young added.

“We think there's enough fault to go around, but Google had some responsibility to direct people correctly or warn them,” Young said. “They created a trap with walking instructions that people rely on. She relied on it and thought she should cross the street.”

Rosenberg is seeking compensation for medical

bills, plus more for lost wages and punitive damages. The lawsuit provided no other information about the woman, who has been misidentified online as a Los Angeles publicist by the same name.

Young said the woman is a native of Northridge in her mid-20s and is unemployed. No phone listing could be found for her.

Google spokeswoman Elaine Filadelfo said the company had not received a copy of the lawsuit and couldn't discuss it, but she disputed Young's assertion that Google Maps provides no warning that walking routes may be missing sidewalks or pedestrian paths.

Every software version for desktop computers and mobile devices has had that disclaimer since Google Maps was launched in 2008, she said.

Park City police said some segments of Deer Valley Drive have sidewalks but not the stretch that Rosenberg reached. The boulevard has a walking path on the side Rosenberg failed to reach, police Capt. Rick Ryan said.

Young said the walking path was “totally snowpacked” and of no use to pedestrians in January. □

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BP stock tumbles as feds announce oil-spill probes

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NEW ORLEANS (AP)

— BP's stock plummeted and took much of the market down with it Tuesday as the federal government announced criminal and civil investigations into the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

BP engineers, meanwhile, tried to recover from a failed attempt to stop the gusher with an effort that will initially make the leak worse.

Attorney General Eric Holder, who was visiting the Gulf to survey the fragile coastline and meet with state and federal prosecutors, would not say who might be targeted in the probes into the largest oil spill in U.S. history.

"We will closely examine the actions of those involved in the spill. If we find evidence of illegal behavior, we will be extremely forceful in our response," Holder said in New Orleans.

BP's stock nose-dived on Tuesday, losing nearly 15 percent of its value on the first trading day since the previous best option — the so-called "top kill" — failed and was aborted at the government's direction. It dipped steeply with Holder's late-afternoon announcement, which also sent other energy stocks tumbling, ultimately causing the Dow Jones industrial average to tumble 112 points.

After six weeks of failures to block the well or divert the oil, BP was using robotic machines to carve into the twisted appendages of the crippled well. The latest attempt involved using tools resembling an oversized deli slicer and garden shears to break away the broken riser pipe so engineers can then position a cap over the well's opening.

Even if it succeeds, it will temporarily increase the flow of an already massive leak by 20 percent — at least 100,000 gallons more a day. And it is far from certain that BP will be able to cap a well that one expert compared to an out-of-control fire hydrant.

"It is an engineer's nightmare," said Ed Overton, a Louisiana

State University professor of environmental sciences. "They're trying to fit a 21-inch cap over a 20-inch pipe a mile away. That's just horrendously hard to do. It's not like you and I standing on the ground pushing — they're using little robots to do this."

The operation has never been performed in such deep water, and is similar to an earlier failed attempt that used a larger cap that quickly froze up. BP PLC officials said they were applying lessons learned from the earlier effort.

"If all goes as planned, within about 24 hours we could have this contained," BP's Doug Suttles said Tuesday after touring a temporary housing facility set up for cleanup workers in Grand Isle, Louisiana. "But we can't guarantee success."

Since the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded on April 20, killing 11 workers and eventually collapsing into the Gulf of Mexico, an estimated 20 million to 40 million gallons of oil has spewed, eclipsing the 11 million gallons that leaked from the Exxon Valdez.

Oil has fouled many fishing areas and miles of ecologically sensitive coastline. Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour said oil from the spill was found in his state for the first time, on a barrier island, and newly expanded federal restrictions mean that nearly a third of federal waters are closed to fishing.

Meanwhile, an oil sheen was confirmed about nine miles off the Florida coast, and officials said it could hit the white sands of Pensacola Beach as soon as Wednesday. Escambia County officials started putting out boom Tuesday and making other plans for the arrival of the oil.

President Barack Obama on Tuesday ordered the co-chairmen of an independent commission investigating the spill to thoroughly examine the disaster, "to follow the facts wherever they lead, without fear or favor." The commission is led by Bob Graham, a former Florida governor and U.S. senator, and William K. Reilly, a former head of the Environmental



From left, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana Stephanie Finley, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana Jim Letten, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division Ignacia Moreno, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division Tony West and U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi Don Burkhalter announce to reporters that the Justice Department has launched a criminal investigation into the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, in New Orleans, Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

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Oil spotted about off Florida coast

A hermit crab and oil that washed ashore along the Gulf of Mexico coastline of Dauphin Island, Ala. are seen inside a boot print Tuesday June 1, 2010. Red-brown oil is making its first appearance on the Alabama island near the mouth of Mobile Bay, three weeks after tar balls were found there. The national incident commander overseeing the response to the spill, on Tuesday described the spill as a series of patches rather than one continuous slick. Donald Williamson, director of the state Department of Public Health, said Alabama officials believe the oil at Dauphin Island is one of those patches.

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PENSACOLA BEACH, Florida (AP) — An oil sheen was confirmed about 9 miles off the Florida coast, and officials are saying it could hit the white sands of Pensacola Beach as soon as Wednesday.

Escambia County officials started putting out boom Tuesday and making other plans for the arrival of the oil. Crude has already been

reported along barrier islands in Alabama and Mississippi, and it has impacted some 125 miles of Louisiana coastline.

Florida officials say their request for about \$150,000 from BP to buy sifting machines and a tractor to help remove oil from the beach's famous white sands has lingered unanswered. □

Protection Agency.

Holder said the laws under review for the criminal and civil probes include the Clean Water Act, the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Endangered Species Act. He said the government would pursue criminal charges "if warranted," a caveat he did not include for civil action.

"We will ensure that every cent, every cent of taxpayer money, will be repaid and that

damage to the environment and wildlife will be reimbursed," he said.

Washington lawyer Stan Brand said that two likely criminal law theories the Justice Department would pursue are false statements to the Interior Department's Minerals Management Service and obstruction by failing to produce evidence to investigators. But Brand and longtime Washington lawyer Stephen Ryan, a former

federal prosecutor and ex-congressional investigator, predicted it will be difficult to prove criminality.

"Bad business judgment isn't a crime," said Ryan.

BP is part owner of the blown well. Other companies involved include rig operator Transocean; oil services company Halliburton, which handled the cementing of the well; and Cameron Inc., which made the blowout preventer that apparently failed. □

L.A. County boycotts Arizona over immigration law

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles County on Tuesday became the latest government body to boycott Arizona to protest the state's tough new law targeting illegal immigration.

After a heated debate, the county's board of supervisors voted 3-2 to ban new contracts with Arizona-based companies and review those that could be canceled. The county has more than \$26 million in contracts with Arizona companies this year.

Several California cities, including Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco, have passed similar measures. The Arizona law, set to go into effect July 29, requires police enforcing another law to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are in the country illegally.

Supervisor Gloria Molina said law "goes too far."

"I am sworn as an L.A. County supervisor to uphold the Constitution. All I can say is that I believe that Arizona's law is unconstitutional," she said. U.S. Justice Department officials have drafted a legal challenge asserting that Arizona's law is unconstitutional because it intrudes on the federal

government's authority to guard the nation's borders. President Barack Obama, a critic of the law, is planning to meet Thursday with Ariz. Gov. Jan Brewer, a White House official said Tuesday.

U.S. Justice Department officials have drafted a legal challenge asserting that Arizona's law is unconstitutional because it intrudes on the federal government's authority to guard the nation's borders.

Critics of the law also say it unfairly targets Hispanics and could lead to racial profiling. Proponents insist racial profiling will not be tolerated. Dozens of people spoke on both sides of the issue Tuesday, trying to sway Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who was the last to announce his position and finally voted yes. "We need solutions, not boycotts," said Supervisor Mike Antonovich, who voted against the motion along with Supervisor Don Knabe.

The boycott also calls on the county's pension fund to rid itself of any investments in Arizona's state and municipal bonds. The county does have investments that would be affected by the boycott, said the county's treasurer, Mark Saladino.

The Los Angeles Unified School District also voted Tuesday to condemn the law and explore ways of curtailing district-sponsored employee travel, economic support of Arizona and companies based there.

The resolution also calls for civics and history classes to include a discussion of the Arizona law "in the context of unity, diversity and equal protection for all."

A Quinnipiac University poll released Tuesday found that about three-fourths of voters in the U.S. think boycotting Arizona because of its immigration law is a bad idea. The national survey of 1,914 registered voters also found that most support the law itself, with 51 percent of voters approving of the measure and 31 percent disapproving.



Members of the late Jamiel Shaw's family join members of Los Angeles Tea Party, and conservative citizens holding rally against the Los Angeles City Council's vote to boycott Arizona because of its illegal immigration law, outside the Los Angeles City Hall on Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Jamiel Andre' Shaw, 17 was killed on March 2, 2008 by a known documented gang member who had been released from jail on the day before, instead of being deported.

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The poll, conducted May margin of plus or minus 2.2 19-24, had a sampling error percentage points. □

Dem seeking to be first black Alabama gov. loses

By PHILLIP RAWLS

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A congressman seeking to become Alabama's first black governor lost Tuesday to a white Democratic primary opponent who had garnered support from the state's four major black political groups.

Primaries were also held in Mississippi and New Mexico, where Susana Martinez, a prosecutor from southern New Mexico, won the GOP nomination for governor and will face Democrat Diane Denish in a general election race deciding who becomes New Mexico's first woman governor.

With 58 percent of the precincts reporting, Agriculture Commissioner Ron Sparks won the Democratic primary for Alabama governor with 65 percent of the vote to U.S. Rep. Artur Davis's 35 percent.

The state's traditional civil rights organizations backed Sparks after Davis voted against Obama's federal health care overhaul. But Davis, a Harvard lawyer who led President Barack Obama's campaign here in 2008, had endorsements from Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., a civil rights pioneer from Alabama, and Mobile's first black mayor, Sam Jones.

Voter Ben Ray picked Sparks, who has taken positions popular with Democrats, calling for an expansion of gambling, including a lottery, and supporting the federal health care plan. □



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Israel, Egypt ease Gaza blockade after deadly raid

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and Egypt signaled a temporary easing of the Gaza Strip blockade Tuesday following harsh international condemnation of the deadly Israeli raid on an aid flotilla en route to the sealed-off Palestinian territory.

Egypt said it was freely opening its border with Gaza for the first time in more than a year to allow in humanitarian aid, setting off a mad rush to the crossing by thousands of residents, while an Israeli official said there is an “ongoing dialogue” with the international community on how to expand the amount of goods entering the area.

At the same time, Israel began expelling some of the nearly 700 activists it rounded up in the naval raid, and strongly rejected criticism that its tactics were heavy-handed. The government said late Tuesday it would deport almost all of them within the next two days, but about 50 would be held for investigation into their part in the violence at sea.

Israel pledged to halt a new

attempt by pro-Palestinian groups to sail more ships into Gaza, and claimed some of the arrested activists carried weapons and large quantities of cash, raising questions about whether they were mercenaries.

Worldwide condemnation has been flooding in since Israeli naval commandos halted the aid flotilla in international waters overnight Monday, setting off a melee that left nine activists dead and dozens wounded.

Turkey, an unofficial backer of the flotilla, has led the criticism, accusing Israel of committing a “massacre,” and the U.N. Security Council demanded an impartial investigation.

There were signs, however, that the long-term strategic partnership between Israel and Turkey — the Jewish state’s most important Muslim ally — would endure.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak spoke to his Turkish counterpart Tuesday, and they agreed the raid wouldn’t affect weapons deals, defense officials said. Among them is the planned delivery to Turkey



A Hamas border official holds the passport of a Palestinian woman waiting to cross into Egypt through the Rafah border crossing, southern Gaza Strip, Tuesday, June 1, 2010. An Egyptian official says the government is temporarily lifting its blockade of the Gaza Strip to allow aid into the area a day after Israel raided an international flotilla carrying supplies to the Palestinian territory, and killed nine activists.

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of \$183 million in Israeli drones this summer. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were discussing sensitive military ties.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton supported a Security Council statement that condemned the “acts”

that cost the lives of the pro-Palestinian activists off the Gaza coast. But U.S. officials did not say whether they blamed Israel or the activists for the bloodshed.

In remarks to reporters at the State Department, Clinton did not call for an end to the blockade, but she pressed Israel

to allow greater access for humanitarian relief supplies, “including reconstruction and building supplies.”

In a jab at Israel, Clinton said the situation in Gaza, which is controlled by Hamas and under an Israeli blockade, is “unsustainable and unacceptable.” □

Bill Clinton returns to Haiti on recovery mission



Former U.S. president Bill Clinton leaves the coastal town of Leogane after a meeting with community leaders in Haiti, Tuesday, June 1, 2010. Clinton made his first visit to the Caribbean nation since he was named co-chair of the Interim Haiti Reconstruction Committee overseeing billions in aid.

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LEOGANE, Haiti (AP) — Bill Clinton returned to Haiti on a new mission Tuesday to invigorate recovery from January’s devastating earthquake and help millions end lives of poverty and danger.

On his first visit since becoming co-chairman of the committee overseeing more than \$5.3 billion in international reconstruction aid, the former U.S. president visited the seaside town of Leogane, next to the Jan. 12 epicenter.

Less than a fifth of its buildings

survived, and thousands of residents are at risk from floods and high winds.

Clinton arrived on the first official day of hurricane season, with experts warning this year’s could be intense because of warm Atlantic waters and a waning the El Nino effect.

Standing under a blazing sun a few yards from dozens of homeless people and their overheated shelters, Clinton said he was not happy with the pace of recovery so far but expressed optimism that conditions could rapidly improve.

“Our attitude is we want to do all this yesterday. But I do think that you will begin to see much, much more rapid activity,” he told reporters, standing beside his co-chairman on the aid committee, Haitian Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive. Probably the biggest outstanding need is shelter. Tarps are pitched in flood

zones, aid groups have been slower to build transitional shelters than originally promised, and disagreements with owners over land rights have slowed efforts.

Meanwhile, more people are streaming into homeless camps because they can no longer pay rent or they need food, medical care and other aid. Camp populations are now estimated at 1.5 million, nearly double some of the earliest post-quake counts.

Clinton visited a trio of small, house-shaped shelters built by CHF International with funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development. Aid workers plan to build 125,000 of the shelters at a cost of \$1,300 each.

The tarp, steel and wood homes are quake- and hurricane-resistant but residents complained they get too hot inside.

“I’m going to see if there’s any affordable solar-powered fans

to put in there,” Clinton said. He also discussed building communal shelters near camps to provide protection in the case of a hurricane or large storm.

Earlier Clinton proposed credit programs for small businesses at a meeting of community leaders and aid officials.

The community leaders told him about areas still not receiving aid. Aid workers complained of conflicts over available space for relocation camps. He pledged to help both, by better coordinating the aid effort and negotiating with landowners.

The Interim Haiti Reconstruction Commission was empowered under an 18-month emergency declaration by Parliament passed shortly before most members’ terms expired and the body essentially dissolved. President Rene Preval has veto power over the commission’s decisions. □

Japan's prime minister steps down over base row

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TOKYO (AP) — Embattled Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama said Wednesday he was resigning over his broken campaign promise to move a U.S. Marine base off the southern island of Okinawa.

The prime minister faced growing pressure from within his own party to resign ahead of July's upper house elections. His approval ratings had plummeted over his bungled handling of the relocation of the Marine Air Station Futenma, reinforcing his public image as an indecisive leader.

Hatoyama is the fourth Japanese prime minister to resign in four years.

Until Tuesday night, Hatoyama insisted he would stay on while intermittently holding talks with key members of his Democratic Party of Japan.

But on Wednesday morning, after eight months in office, Hatoyama faced the nation to say he was stepping down.

"Since last year's elections, I tried to change politics in which the people of Japan would be the main characters," he told a news conference broadcast nationwide. But he conceded his efforts weren't understood.

"That's mainly because of my failings," he said.

His government came to power amid high hopes in September after his party soundly defeated the long-ruling conservatives in lower house elections.

But his public image has tumbled amid a political funding scandal and perceived inconsistency and indecision, particularly on his reversal on Futenma. Last week he said he would go along with the 2006 agreement to move the base to a northern part of the island, infuriating residents

who want it off Okinawa entirely.

Okinawa alone houses more than half of the 47,000 U.S. troops in Japan, stationed under a bilateral security alliance.

His three-way coalition was cut to two members over the weekend when a junior partner, the Social Democrats, withdrew after the prime minister expelled its leader Mizuho Fukushima, who rejected the Futenma decision, from the Cabinet. Fukushima's dismissal enhanced her public standing as a politician who stood up for her convictions and reinforced perceptions of Hatoyama's wishy-washiness.

The Democratic Party of Japan and a remaining coalition partner still hold a majority in both houses of the Diet, or parliament — though just barely in the less powerful upper house.



Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama raises his head skyward as he passes by a banner reading "Keep the promise" in Naha during his tour to Okinawa, southern Japan, Sunday, May 23, 2010. Hatoyama apologized Sunday to the people of Okinawa for ditching his campaign promise to move a U.S. military base off the island, a concession likely to further erode his grip on power. During his party's campaign for last year's elections that swept him to power, Hatoyama had promised to relocate U.S. Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station off Okinawa, perhaps even out of Japan.

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Japan's largest newspaper, the Yomiuri, citing its own survey conducted, said Tuesday nine out of 43 upper house lawmakers from Hatoyama's party

seeking re-election in July said Hatoyama's resignation ahead of the poll was unavoidable, while 13 others urged him to make his own decision. □

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Al-Qaida: No. 3 official killed with family



This image released by the Site Intelligence Group made from undated video shows Sheikh Sa'id al-Masri, also known as Mustafa al-Yazid. In what could be one of the hardest blows to al-Qaida since the U.S. campaign against the terrorist organization began, the group's No. 3, al-Masri, is believed to be dead, killed by a U.S. Predator drone strike, a U.S. official said Monday, May 31, 2010.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida announced Monday that its No. 3 official, Mustafa al-Yazid, had been killed along with members of his family — perhaps one of the most severe blows to the terror movement since the U.S. campaign against

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al-Qaida began. A U.S. official said al-Yazid was believed to have died in a U.S. missile strike.

A statement posted on an al-Qaida Website said al-Yazid, which it described as the organization's top commander in Afghanistan, was killed along with his wife, three daughters,

a grandchild and other men, women and children but did not say how or where.

The statement did not give an exact date for al-Yazid's death, but it was dated by the Islamic calendar month of "Jemadi al-Akhar," which falls in May.

A U.S. official in Washington said word was "spreading in extremist circles" of his death in Pakistan's tribal areas in the past two weeks.

His death would be a major blow to al-Qaida, which in December "lost both its internal and external operations chiefs," the official said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

The Egyptian-born al-Yazid, also known as Sheik Saeed al-Masri, was a founding member of al-Qaida and the group's prime conduit to Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahri. He was key to day-to-day control, with a hand in everything from finances to operational planning, the U.S. official said.

Al-Yazid has been reported killed before, in 2008, but this is the first time his death has been acknowledged by the militant group on the Internet.

Two Pakistani intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media, said al-Yazid died in a U.S. missile strike on May 21 in the North Waziristan tribal area.

Soon after the attack, officials reported that two foreigners were among the 10 people killed, but did not know their identities. Five women and two children were also wounded in the attack, which occurred in the village of Boya near the main town in the area, Miran Shah.

The intelligence officials said they received word of al-Yazid's death last week and confirmed it by speaking to local tribal elders and Taliban members. They said their sources had not seen al-Yazid's body and did not know where he was buried. Al-Yazid has been one of many targets in a U.S. Predator drone campaign aimed at militants in Pakistan since President Barack Obama took office. Al-Yazid made no secret of his contempt for the United States, once calling it "the evil empire leading crusades against the Muslims." "We have reached the point where we see no

difference between the state and the American people," al-Yazid told Pakistan's Geo TV in a June 2008 interview. "The United States is a non-Muslim state bent on the destruction of Muslims."

The shadowy, 55-year-old al-Yazid has been involved with Islamic extremist movements for nearly 30 years since he joined radical student groups led by fellow Egyptian al-Zawahri, now the No. 2 figure in al-Qaida after bin Laden.

In the early 1980s, al-Yazid served three years in an Egyptian prison for purported links to the group responsible for the 1981 assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. After his release, al-Yazid turned up in Afghanistan, where, according to al-Qaida's propaganda wing Al-Sabah, he became a founding member of the terrorist group.

He later followed bin Laden to Sudan and back to Afghanistan, where he served as al-Qaida's chief financial officer, managing secret bank accounts in the Persian Gulf that were used to help finance the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington. □

PM: Jamaica plans island-wide assault on gangs

HOWARD CAMPBELL

Associated Press Writer

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica will launch a sustained assault on gangs that control poor communities across the island and fuel one of the world's highest murder rates, the prime minister said Tuesday.

Prime Minister Bruce Golding says last week's bloody raid on the West Kingston stronghold of reputed drug lord Christopher "Dudus" Coke will mark a turning point in the government's approach to criminal networks — many of which have benefited from ties to the two major political parties for decades.

"Gunmen who no longer flee when the security forces approach but engage them with vicious firepower must be confronted with the full

force of the law. The time for equivocation is over," Golding said.

Golding was addressing parliament as lawmakers prepared to vote on whether to censure him over his handling of the U.S. extradition request for Coke. Golding, whose Jamaica Labor Party has long counted on the support of gunmen inside Coke's Tivoli Gardens slum, opposed the request for nine months before reversing himself under pressure that threatened his political career.

Opposition leaders have complained that Golding's wavering gave Coke and his supporters too much time to prepare for a confrontation that killed 73 civilians and three security officers over four days of fighting. Coke remains at large.

In his address to parliament, Golding declined to say when the new anti-gang operations will begin, citing security concerns.

While Tivoli Gardens ranks among the most notorious slums, violent gangs are also deeply entrenched in Spanish Town, just west of Kingston, and the northwestern coastal parish of St. James, which includes the resort city of Montego Bay. Fighting between the gangs for control of drug trafficking and extortion rackets was blamed for the vast majority of the 1,660 homicides last year on the island of 2.8 million people.

Many of the gangs have roots in political violence during the 1970s, when factions armed criminals to help



A soldier controls the traffic at a check point blocks away from the Tivoli Gardens neighborhood, Kingston, Wednesday, May 26, 2010.

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intimidate election opponents, and affiliations with the two major parties have continued to provide a measure of protection. But Golding said any such ties of loyalty will be irrelevant to his government's crackdown.

"It is a campaign that will be sustained and intensified. It is a campaign that will target criminal gangs wherever they exist, irrespective of their political alliances or whether

they have any such alliances," he said.

Coke is wanted in New York to face charges that he trafficked cocaine and marijuana as well as weapons between Jamaica and the United States. Also known as "President" to the people of his slum, he served as community leader and enforcer in a gritty neighborhood in an area that the government acknowledged it had long neglected. □



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Cuba moving seven political prisoners nearer homes

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HAVANA (AP) — Cuba has begun transferring some of the country's 200 political prisoners to jails closer to home, the first sign the government is making good on a deal with the Roman Catholic Church to improve conditions behind bars.

At least seven prisoners were on the move, according to reports Tuesday from Roman Catholic Church officials, human rights leaders and relatives who said they had spoken with jail authorities.

"There is great hope and euphoria among us," Julia Nunez, whose husband Adolfo Fernandez was among those being transferred, told The Associated Press. She said that visiting him had meant a 7-hour bus ride to a prison 310 miles away. "No matter how you look at it, this is a little light at the end of the tunnel." The Havana archbishop's office released a list of six other names, along with details on where the men would end up. The news — once hard to imagine from a government that rarely backs down on anything — came 10 days after church officials announced an agreement that would see authorities move some "prisoners of conscience" and

allow long-documented medical treatment for those who are ailing.

"This could be the starting gun," said Elizardo Sanchez, who heads the Havana-based Cuban Commission on Human Rights and National Reconciliation and monitors dissident activity.

The church list included Felix Navarro, Jose Luis Garcia, Ivan Adolfo Hernandez, Diosdado Gonzalez, Arnaldo Ramos and Antonio Ramon Diaz — all jailed in a sweeping 2003 crackdown. They were sentenced to terms ranging from 20 to 25 years, while Fernandez is serving a 15-year term. All were charged with treason and other crimes against the communist state. Sanchez said he was heartened by news of the moves, but added he was waiting to hear about help for the sick prisoners.

"It would be much more important if they free those who are not well," he said.

The deal between the government and the church followed a meeting between Cuban President Raul Castro and Havana Cardinal Jaime Ortega, who has become a key player in efforts to improve relations between dissidents and Cuba's communist leaders.

Last month, Ortega negotiated an end to a three-week ban on marches by a small group of wives and mothers of some of the 75 activists, community organizers and government critics jailed in 2003. More than 50 remain behind bars.

Before his mediation, pro-government supporters had surrounded the women — called the Ladies in White — preventing them from demonstrating and showering them with hours of verbal abuse.

The Cuban government had no immediate comment on the reported transfers. It has never publicly acknowledged any deal with the church, leaving it to Roman Catholic officials to release details of the talks.

The prisoner transfers mean that "the agreement between the cardinal and Raul is coming to pass, and that is very good," said Alejandrina Garcia, wife of Gonzalez. "But I am not going to stop demanding his freedom."

Before his transfer, Gonzalez was being held at a jail in Pinar del Rio, 250 miles (400 kilometers) from home.

News of the transfers came just a day after six dissidents and human rights officials bemoaned the lack of progress on the promised prison transfers in interviews with



People sit as members of Ladies in White opposition group, mostly relatives of imprisoned dissidents, march after in Havana, Sunday, May 30, 2010.

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the AP, saying they were growing desperate for a sign the government was serious about the concessions.

Cuban officials describe the dissidents as traitors paid by Washington to undermine the island's communist system. They object to descriptions of the opposition as prisoners of conscience, saying every government should have the right to imprison those seeking its overthrow.

The dissidents counter that they are in jail for expressing their views, and say there is no evidence any of them had the plans — or the means — to seriously threaten the government's control.

Laura Pollan, head of the Ladies in White, told the AP that at least 17 of those

rounded up in 2003 are being held at jails outside their home province, 11 are older than 60, and 26 suffer from serious health problems. She said four of the prisoners meet all three of those criteria: Ramos, Fernandez, Jesus Mustafa and Omar Ruiz.

During an interview in her living room Tuesday, she said she did not expect her own husband, Hector Maseda, to be released — despite the fact he is 65.

"This government likes it that I am traveling and outside Havana for two days when I go visit him," she said.

Cuba's human rights record has come into sharp focus since the Feb. 23 death of jailed dissident hunger striker Orlando Zapata Tamayo. □

Memorial Day movie attendance drops to 17-year low



This film publicity image released by Paramount Pictures, Shrek, voiced by Mike Myers, left, and Rumpelstiltskin, voiced by Walt Dohrn, are shown in a scene from 'Shrek Forever After'.

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood fizzled over one of its traditionally busiest times as movie attendance for Memorial Day weekend came in at the lowest in 17 years. Overall revenues for the top-50 films during the four-day holiday weekend came in at \$192 million, the lowest since 2001. Factoring in today's higher admission prices, about 24.2 million tickets were sold, the least since a 22.5 million head count in 1993, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com. While "Shrek Forever After" finished first again, holding up well with \$57.1 million from Friday to Monday, the weekend's big new releases got off to so-so starts.

Jake Gyllenhaal's action tale "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time" came in second with \$37.8 million. Sarah Jessica Parker's "Sex and the City 2," which many thought would debut at No. 1, wound up in third with \$36.8 million. "When you have a Memorial Day weekend down this much, it just tells me the movies in the marketplace are just not grabbing people the way they have in past years," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. Domestic revenues over Memorial Day weekend

(AP Photo/Paramount Pictures) last year came in at \$221.3 million for the top-50 films, with movie attendance at 30.1 million. Memorial Day weekend attendance reached a modern peak of 39.6 million in 2004, when "Shrek 2" was in theaters.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Monday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Tuesday by Hollywood.com are:

1. "Shrek Forever After," Paramount, \$57,060,434, 4,367 locations, \$13,066 average, \$146,810,785, two weeks.
2. "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time," Disney, \$37,813,075, 3,646 locations, \$10,371 average, \$37,813,075, one week.
3. "Sex and the City 2," Warner Bros., \$36,835,353, 3,445 locations, \$10,692 average, \$51,043,450, one week.
4. "Iron Man 2," Paramount, \$21,076,239, 3,804 locations, \$5,541 average, \$279,076,239, four weeks.
5. "Robin Hood," Universal, \$13,424,540, 3,373 locations, \$3,980 average, \$86,144,405, three weeks.
6. "Letters to Juliet,"

Summit, \$7,492,524, 2,825 locations, \$2,652 average, \$38,195,942, three weeks.

7. "Just Wright," Fox Searchlight, \$2,835,702, 1,195 locations, \$2,373 average, \$18,833,220, three weeks.

8. "Date Night," Fox, \$2,307,657, 1,126 locations, \$2,049 average, \$94,005,365, eight weeks.

9. "MacGruber," Universal, \$2,024,110, 2,546 locations, \$795 average, \$7,674,445, two weeks.

10. "How to Train Your Dragon," Paramount, \$1,513,677, 825 locations, \$1,835 average, \$213,117,896, 10 weeks.

11. "A Nightmare On Elm Street," Warner Bros., \$1,127,395, 891 locations, \$1,265 average, \$61,906,422, five weeks.

12. "Alice in Wonderland," Disney, \$730,145, 341 locations, \$2,141 average, \$333,160,345, 13 weeks.

13. "Babies," Focus, \$642,273, 301 locations, \$2,134 average, \$6,090,771, four weeks.

14. "The Secret in Their Eyes," Sony Pictures Classics, \$577,670, 155 locations, \$3,727 average, \$3,452,774, seven weeks.

15. "City Island," Anchor Bay, \$532,862, 201 locations, \$2,651 average, \$4,862,137, 11 weeks.

16. "Hubble," Warner Bros., \$416,829, 48 locations, \$8,684 average, \$7,097,066, 11 weeks.

17. "Kites," Reliance Big Pictures, \$396,000, 236 locations, \$1,678 average, \$1,600,000, two weeks.

18. "The Back-Up Plan," CBS Films, \$359,677, 391 locations, \$920 average, \$36,594,990, six weeks.

19. "The Bounty Hunter," Sony, \$354,260, 287 locations, \$1,234 average, \$66,652,479, 11 weeks.

20. "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," Fox, \$335,000, 283 locations, \$1,184 average, \$62,769,868, 11 weeks. □

Ted Koppel's son, 40, found dead in NYC apartment



FILE - In this photo taken Nov. 22, 2005, Ted Koppel prepares for the taping of his last broadcast of 'Nightline,' at ABC's studio in Washington. Andrew Koppel, the 40-year-old son of former ABC anchor Ted Koppel, has been found dead in an Upper Manhattan apartment, police said Tuesday June 1, 2010.

(AP Photo/Haraz N. Ghanbari, File)

By COLLEEN LONG, Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — A son of former ABC News anchor Ted Koppel was found dead in an apartment after a day of bar hopping with a man he'd just met, a law enforcement official said Tuesday.

A drunken Andrew Koppel, 40, had been placed in a back bedroom of the Manhattan apartment to sleep it off and apparently had been dead at least four hours before anyone realized, said Belinda Caban, who lives in the apartment.

He was declared dead around 1:30 a.m. Monday, New York Police Department Detective John Sweeney said. The cause of his death hadn't been determined, but there was no evidence indicating a crime, police said. Ted Koppel is the former longtime anchor of the ABC News show "Nightline." Andrew Koppel was one of his four children.

Ted Koppel and his wife, Grace Anne Dorney Koppel, issued a brief statement through a representative Tuesday: "Our son, Andrew, was a brilliant, caring man, whose loss we will mourn for the rest of our lives." Mayor Michael Bloomberg, an acquaintance of Ted Koppel, on Tuesday offered his condolences to the family. "It's very sad," Bloomberg said. "I know Ted casually, and I don't know how anybody deals with

losing a child."

Andrew Koppel, who lived in Queens, had been drinking heavily during the day with Russell Wimberly, whom he met at a bar, the law enforcement official said. The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the investigation into the death wasn't completed.

Koppel started drinking at Smith's Bar and Restaurant in Manhattan and went to several other locations with Wimberly, the official said, before winding up at the Washington Heights neighborhood apartment owned by Caban, Wimberly's friend.

Caban said Tuesday that she had never seen Koppel before and didn't realize he was related to the news anchor, who left the network in 2005. She said Wimberly arrived at her apartment holding up Koppel, who was visibly drunk. "I told him to sit him down, and he was flopped down in the chair. He kept flopping on my chair," she said. "I said, 'Bring him to the room. Let him wear it off. Let him go into the room and lay down and wear it off.'"

Caban said she and Wimberly spoke for hours and he went in to check on Koppel and said he was snoring and had a pulse. After six hours, she told Wimberly it was time to go and for him to take Koppel home. She said when they went to the bedroom to rouse Koppel, he wasn't moving.

"He went to pick him up and he flopped down, and I said something is wrong with him," she said. "Tried to sit him up. He was pale. I said, 'This man is dead. Something is wrong with him. This man must be dead.'"

She said they called 911 and emergency workers estimated Koppel had been dead about four hours. "I'm just so sorry," Caban said. "I'm so sorry he died in my house."

Phone calls to numbers listed for Wimberly rang unanswered Tuesday. Caban said she didn't know what he had to drink. □



Stocks turn sharply lower in late trading

By TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks took another late-day dive Tuesday after the government said it was starting criminal and civil investigations into the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped almost 113 points. Its plunge came shortly before the close and minutes after Attorney General Eric Holder made the announcement. Stocks in energy companies and oil service providers tumbled on the news, and other stocks followed.

Holder would not say which companies or individuals might be under investigation. But investors quickly dumped stocks across the energy industry. BP PLC, which operated the rig that caused the spill, fell almost 15 percent. Anadarko Petroleum Corp., which has a stake in the rig that exploded, tumbled nearly 20 percent. Oil services company Halliburton Inc. fell almost 15 percent.

Analysts have said the oil spill has been among the many issues nagging at investors in recent weeks. Among the fears in the market is the potential economic hit from the spill. But Tuesday's announcement raised the possibility that oil companies might have to pay out huge amounts in fines, or see their operations hampered by a government investigation.

"Right now it's headline risk that's killing us in this market," said Ken Kamen, president of Mercadien Asset Management in Hamilton, N.J. He said the question marks that pop up when news breaks are making traders think it's safer to just retreat.

"When you just get over third-degree burns you don't go too near that stove. Last year is not too far out of peoples'

minds," Kamen said, referring to the market's slide in 2008 and early 2009.

Trading was choppy for much of the day before Holder's announcement, a sign that investors weren't sure where to put their money. Investors were juggling worries about Europe's debt problems with upbeat reports on U.S. manufacturing and construction.

The euro slid as low as \$1.2112, its lowest level since April 2006, before climbing back to \$1.2210. The euro's moves against other currencies have come to reflect traders' confidence in Europe's ability to manage a sovereign debt crisis that started in Greece but has spread to other European nations like Portugal and Spain.

Stocks did get some early support from the Commerce Department's report that construction spending rose by the biggest amount in nearly a decade. The 2.7 percent April gain was the largest since August 2000. Economists forecast spending would be flat.

However, homebuilders' stocks fell although the report showed a big jump in residential building. That blip upward was expected to disappear now that a homebuyers' tax credit has

expired.

Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index fell to 59.7 in May from 60.4 in April. The figure was better than economists' forecast of 59.

The Dow fell 112.61, or 1.1 percent, to 10,024.02. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 18.70, or 1.7 percent, to 1,070.71, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 34.71, or 1.5 percent, to 2,222.33.

About four stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 5.3 billion shares compared with 5.1 billion Friday. Volume was light because some traders were away for a long Memorial Day holiday. Light volume can intensify swings in the market.

Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati, said volatility is likely to continue through the summer in part because some everyday investors who put money into the market before its drop in May are giving up. That leaves the pros who use automated trades to try to profit from moves in stocks.

"It just seems like it's computers versus computers," he said. "This volatility is probably here to stay,



A specialist watches the screen at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

unfortunately, but that doesn't mean that the market is going to collapse."

Bond prices rose, sending interest rates lower. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.27 percent from 3.29 percent late Friday.

The dollar rose against most other major currencies, while gold rose. Crude oil fell \$1.39 to \$72.58 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. BP's U.S.-listed shares dropped \$6.43, or nearly 15 percent, to \$36.52. Offshore drilling contractor Transocean Ltd., which owns the well, fell \$6.73, or 11.9 percent, to \$50.04.

Anadarko fell \$10.23, or almost 20 percent, to \$42.10. Halliburton dropped \$3.68, or 14.8 percent, to \$21.15.

Among consumer stocks, Procter & Gamble Co. rose 7 cents to \$61.16 and Kraft Foods Inc. rose 30 cents to \$28.90.

Homebuilder KB Home fell 75 cents, or 5.2 percent, to \$13.73, while Toll Brothers Inc. fell 94 cents, or 4.5 percent, to \$20.13.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 20.65, or 3.1 percent, to 640.96.

Overseas, Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.5 percent, Germany's DAX index rose 0.3 percent, and France's CAC-40 slipped 0.1 percent.

Asian markets fell following a report that China's manufacturing industry slowed last month. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 1.4 percent, while Japan's Nikkei stock average lost 0.6 percent. □

Citi restructures US consumer finance business

NEW YORK — Citigroup Inc. is closing 330 branches of its U.S. consumer finance business as part of a restructuring aimed at finding a buyer for the unit, the bank said Tuesday.

The branch closures at CitiFinancial will result in about 500 to 600 job cuts across 48 states, the bank said.

The U.S. business of CitiFinancial will also be split into two parts, one offering personal, home equity and refinancing loans and the other handling loan modifications and restructuring, Citigroup said.

CitiFinancial will be renamed after the reorganization is complete.

The restructuring "will provide a lot of clarity" into CitiFinancial's operations for potential buyers of the business, CitiFinancial CEO Mary McDowell said in an interview.

Citigroup split itself into two parts last year — Citicorp and Citi Holdings, the division holding noncore, riskier assets including the mortgage-backed securities that undermined the bank and other financial institutions. CitiFinancial is a part of Citi Holdings.

Citigroup CEO Vikram Pandit said earlier this year that the bank would continue selling off Citi Holdings, which had \$547 billion worth of assets at the end of 2009.

Citigroup received \$45 billion in government bailout money at the height of the financial crisis. It raised \$20 billion in December to help repay the money it received as part of the Troubled Asset Relief Program. The remaining \$25 billion was converted to stock last fall, giving the government what is now a 22 percent ownership stake. □

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Federer upset by Soderling at French Open

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AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — There will be a Grand Slam semifinal without Roger Federer for the first time in six years.

French Open upset specialist Robin Soderling struck again Tuesday, rallying past defending champion Federer in a rainy quarterfinal, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4. That ended Federer's record streak of reaching the semifinals in 23 consecutive major events.

The shocker was the second pulled off by Soderling in as many years at Roland Garros. He ended the reign of four-time champion Rafael Nadal in the fourth round a year ago, clearing the path for Federer to win his first French Open title and complete a career Grand Slam.

Federer beat Soderling in last year's final. Before Tuesday, Federer was 12-0 against the big-swinging Swede, winning 28 of their 30 sets.

But Soderling's recent improvement was evident as he controlled rallies from the baseline with his thunderous strokes. Federer found himself on the defensive and unable to move forward.

"I'm disappointed to a certain degree," Federer said. "I didn't think I played a bad match. He came up with some great tennis. It's much easier to digest this way."

Seeded fifth, Soderling saved a set point in the third when he won a frantic rally, then won the set to take the lead for good shortly after a rain delay of 75 minutes.

"It cannot be much better," Soderling told the crowd after his latest center-court stunner. "It's great to play on this court. It's for sure my favorite Grand Slam."

Soderling's the only player other than Nadal to beat Federer at Roland Garros since 2004.



Sweden's Robin Soderling reacts after defeating Switzerland's Roger Federer during a quarter final match for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

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NBA finals is Lakers-Celtics, Part 12

BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Here comes Kobe Bryant's chance in the NBA finals against the Boston Celtics who beat him two years ago.

He's far from the only Los Angeles Lakers great to fall short against Boston.

The Lakers and the Celtics, the league's most storied franchises, renew their rivalry in the NBA finals for the 12th time from Thursday.

Boston beat Los Angeles in the 2008 finals with a dominant defense that made life miserable for Bryant, that season's MVP. When they meet again at Staples Center, the Lakers can show how much better they are since then.



In this June 17, 2008 file photo, Boston Celtics' Ray Allen celebrates a three-point shot in front of Los Angeles Lakers' Lamar Odom (7) and Lakers coach Phil Jackson, left, during the fourth quarter of Game 6 of the NBA finals in Boston. The Celtics face the Lakers in Game 1 in a rematch of the NBA finals on Thursday, June 3.

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"We'll see, we'll see how much we matured," Bryant said. "They challenged us extremely well in the finals a couple of years ago. Now is a chance to see how much we've grown."

Los Angeles will be going for its second straight title and No. 16 overall. The Celtics still have the edge, hanging their 17th banner with their victory two years ago in six games. "We remember more than anything losing on our home court, a situation where we had some defensive lapses and they took advantage of it," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "This year we have homecourt advantage, and we look forward to the rematch with great intensity."

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NL Roundup

Atlanta surges past Phils into first in NL

ATLANTA (AP) — Chipper Jones and Troy Glaus homered to back a strong start by Tommy Hanson and help the Braves move into first place in the National League East with a 9-3 victory Monday over the slumping Philadelphia Phillies.

The Braves, winners of six straight, are one-half game ahead of Philadelphia, which has dropped two straight and nine of 13.

Improving to 16-4 since May 10, the Braves have made up 7½ games in the NL East since May 17, when they were in last place. Atlanta hasn't held first place in the division this late in a season since 2005.

Philadelphia, which was shut out in five of its previous eight games, had just three hits off Hanson (5-3) before the right-hander left with two outs in the seventh.

Joe Blanton (1-4) lost his second straight start.

Rockies 4, Giants 0

At San Francisco, Ubaldo Jimenez pitched a four-hitter to become the majors' first 10-game winner this year, outpitching Tim Lincecum to lead Colorado past the Giants.

Clint Barmes hit a two-run single in the second inning that held up for Jimenez (10-1), who struck out nine, lowered his big league-best ERA to 0.78 and extended his career-best scoreless innings streak to 26.

Lincecum (5-2), making his 100th start and matched up with Jimenez for the fourth time, walked five for the fourth straight start and the Giants had their four-game winning streak snapped.

Padres 18, Mets 6

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Stanley Cup

Niemi, Blackhawks beat Flyers 2-1, take 2-0 lead

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AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Marian Hossa and Ben Eager scored 28 seconds apart late in the second period and Antti Niemi had 33 saves as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Philadelphia Flyers 2-1 on Monday night for a 2-0 lead in the Stanley Cup finals.

After a wild scoring display when Chicago won the opener 6-5, Game 2 featured tightened-up defenses with goalies Niemi and Michael Leighton of the Flyers stepping up.

"It's unbelievable feeling how the people react," Niemi said as the crowd cheered him and chanted his name

after the game. "Defense was the key."

For the second straight game, the Blackhawks got no points from their two young stars Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane.

The Flyers, who are in the finals because of their ability to come from behind as they did in erasing a 3-0 deficit

Armstrong trying to catch up with time

BY SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Lance Armstrong is headed for the Tour of Luxembourg, hoping to make up for the racing miles he lost after injuries and illness as he prepares for the Tour de France.

The seven-time Tour de France champion, looking for more race days ahead of cycling's main event in July, has added to his schedule the five-day Luxembourg event that he won 12 years ago after recovering from cancer.

"Raced it once b4 in 1998 and won it. Looking 4ward to it," Armstrong said on his Twitter feed ahead of Wednesday's race start.

Armstrong is in the second year of his comeback, following an initial retirement in 2005.

The Luxembourg event is Armstrong's first race since his former U.S. Postal teammate Floyd Landis admitted to doping throughout his career and alleged that Armstrong and several other elite American riders were involved, too.

Armstrong denied any wrongdoing and said Landis has "zero credibility."

Landis, who was stripped of his 2006 Tour de France title for doping, made the allegations on May 20 — the same day that Armstrong crashed out of the Tour of California.

Armstrong hurt his elbow and had stitches under his left eye. The 38-year-old rider came back to training two days later, and ramped up training with longer and harder rides last week near the southeastern French city of Nice, his



Lance Armstrong rides along Highway 1 during the third stage of the Tour of California cycling race in Davenport, Calif., Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

European base.

In April, Armstrong rode only one stage at the Circuit de la Sarthe before pulling out with a stomach illness and temporarily suspending all his racing in Europe. In March, he withdrew from the Milan-San Remo classic, citing acute gastroenteritis.

This season, Armstrong has completed only four stage races: the Tour Down Under in January, the Vuelta a Murcia and the Criterium International in March, then the minor Tour of the Gila in the United States.

Armstrong's RadioShack team in Luxembourg will also include Sam Bewley, Daryl Impey, Andreas Kloeden, Tiago Machado, Gregory Rast, Ivan Rovny and Bjorn Selander.

The Texan's main rival is expected to be defending champion Frank Schleck from the Saxo Bank team. The Luxembourg native recently spent some days in

the Pyrenees to scout out this year's Tour stages.

"There is one thing I know: in cycling, when you can win a race, you take it, and it's even more true regarding Lance Armstrong," Schleck said in Luxembourg daily Le Quotidien.

"He is an unbelievable champion and a warrior. He will test his fitness here, without any pressure."

Armstrong's decision to compete in the Tour of Luxembourg means he will not compete in the Dauphine Libere in France, from June 6-13, where his greatest rival and Tour de France favorite Alberto Contador will put the finishing touches to his preparations.

Swiss organizers, meanwhile, confirmed Tuesday that Armstrong will compete in the Tour of Suisse from June 12-20.

The Tour de France starts July 3 in the Dutch port city of Rotterdam.



Chicago Blackhawks goalie Antti Niemi, of Finland, cools off during a stop in play against the Philadelphia Flyers in the second period of Game 2 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup finals Monday, May 31, 2010, in Chicago.

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against Boston, got right back in the game when Simon Gagne scored as a power play was about to elapse at 5:20 of the final period.

But Niemi fought off a late flurry — 15 of his saves came in the final period when Philadelphia had a 16-4 shots advantage.

"I thought their goaltender played extremely well in the third period. We had more than enough looks to tie up that game," Philadelphia coach Peter Laviolette said. Games 3 and 4 will be played in Philadelphia on Wednesday and Friday.

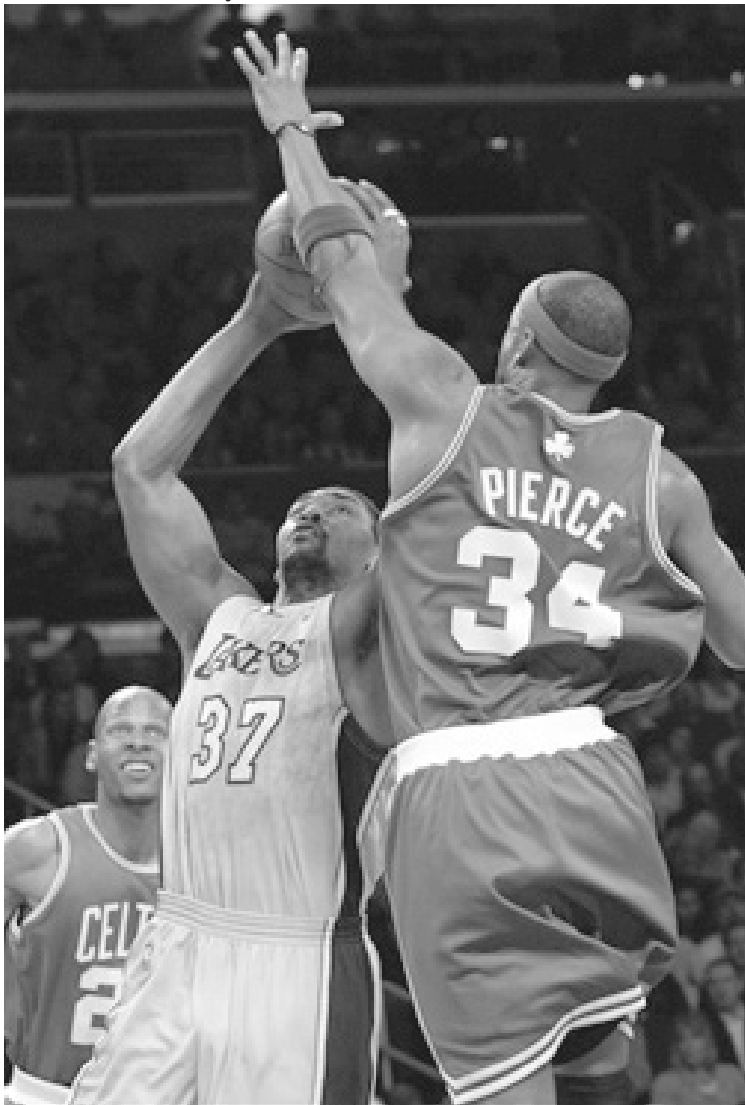
Patrick Sharp fired a shot from the left circle, and after Leighton stopped it and with Chicago's Troy Brouwer battling for the puck, Hossa poked it in from the left side with 2:51 left in the second period. Hossa, in his third straight Stanley Cup finals with a different team, got his third goal of the playoffs and first since May 5 against Vancouver in the conference

semifinals.

Just 28 seconds later with the crowd still abuzz, Dustin Byfuglien made a steal and passed the puck to fourth-line forward Eager. Eager skated to the right circle and unleashed a shot that beat Leighton high on the glove side to make it 2-0. It was the first goal of the playoffs for the former Flyers forward.

Leighton, who was drafted by the Blackhawks and played parts of two seasons for them, got the nod despite being pulled in Game 1 after yielding five goals on 20 shots. He made 24 saves Monday. Trying to get more punch, the Flyers inserted forward Daniel Carcillo into the lineup. A scratch the last three games and known for his agitating style, Carcillo was the team leader in playoff penalty minutes (30) entering the game and joined Philadelphia captain Mike Richards and Jeff Carter on a first line that had been pointless in the opener.





In this Feb. 18, 2010, file photo, Los Angeles Lakers forward Ron Artest (37) is stopped by Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce (34) as Boston Celtics guard Ray Allen looks on during an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles. Pierce is excited to return to the NBA finals, which start Thursday in his hometown of Los Angeles. Pierce isn't exactly thrilled that Los Angeles' welcoming committee includes Artest, a physical, tenacious defender.

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NBA FINALS

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The Celtics improved to 9-2 in the finals against the Lakers, having dominated the series for decades even against the likes of Wilt Chamberlain, Jerry West and Elgin Baylor until Los Angeles won twice in the 1980s.

That was back when a Lakers-Celtics finals was expected. Nobody predicted this one.

While the Lakers were the best of the Western Conference all season, the Celtics stumbled over the second half and were only a No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference.

But they've rediscovered the defense that contained Bryant two years ago, and after eliminating Miami's Dwyane Wade and Cleveland's LeBron James, they get another shot at the Lakers star.

The Celtics limited Bryant to 25.7 points per game in the 2008 finals — he had averaged 31.9 through the first three rounds — and 40

percent shooting. Bryant would say: "They definitely were the best defense I've seen in the entire playoffs." This one is pretty good, too.

The Celtics knocked off James and Cleveland, which had the league's best record, in the second round, then upset Orlando, last season's Eastern Conference champion. The Big Three of Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen is still going strong, but point guard Rajon Rondo has perhaps been their best player in the playoffs.

The defending champion Lakers are making their third straight finals appearance, their best run since they won three in a row from 2000-02. Bryant was the sidekick to Shaquille O'Neal on those teams, but the '08 finals was his first chance to win one alone.

It went horribly, but the Lakers think this time can be different, since they have the home-court advantage.

"Losing that game on our home court, we felt like was

really the turning point," guard Derek Fisher said. "We're looking forward to getting this thing started on Thursday night."

Bryant made the go-ahead basket with 7.3 seconds left to beat the Celtics 90-89 on Jan 31. Boston won the rematch in February, but Bryant sat out that game with a sprained left ankle.

The Lakers will host the first two games before the series shifts to Boston for the next three, if necessary. Both teams will be well-rested — the Celtics clinched their 21st trip to the finals by finishing off Orlando on Friday, while the Lakers are making their league-best 31st appearance after wrapping up their series against Phoenix in six games last Saturday. □

USOC to offer help for safe training environments

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

The U.S. Olympic Committee plans to standardize guidelines outlining safe training environments for its athletes.

With recent reports about sex-abuse cases in swimming bringing the issue under the microscope, the USOC appointed four-time Olympic cross country skier Nina Kemppel to lead a 10-person task force, which expects to complete the project over the summer.

On Thursday, Kemppel told The Associated Press she hopes to produce a list of recommendations for the national governing bodies for the Olympic sports to follow. "It's going to be a tool kit of best practices," she said. "For smaller NGBs, this picture may look very different than for larger NGBs. It's the key things of being really effective and promoting safe environments for kids." There are more than 30 Olympic sports, and this marks the USOC's most concerted effort to offer some guidance. □

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FEDERER UPSET

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The Swede's opponent Friday will be No. 15 seed Tomas Berdych, who beat No. 11 Mikhail Youzhny 6-3, 6-1, 6-2. Berdych has yet to drop a set in five rounds.

The semifinal round Friday without Federer will be the first at a Grand Slam tournament since he lost in the third round of the 2004 French Open.

"It was a great run. Now I've got the quarterfinal streak going, I guess," Federer said with a smile.

Because of Federer's defeat, Nadal will reclaim the No. 1 ranking next week if he wins the title. The upset raises the possibility of a Nadal-Soderling rematch in the final.

It was a cold, damp afternoon, with occasional rain that had some spectators watching from under umbrellas, but the conditions didn't seem to rob Soderling's shots of any sting. He hit winners past Federer even standing two strides behind the baseline.

"The balls got heavy, but I've played good matches in these kind of conditions in the past,"

Soderling said. "It suits my game."

The upset was all the more surprising because Federer was in control early. He won 22 of his first 24 service points and led 30-love in his first service game of the second set when he suddenly faltered, losing four points in a row.

A backhand wide by Federer gave Soderling his first break, and he held serve the entire set to even the match. It was the first set Federer had dropped in the tournament.

"He had some chances in the second set," Soderling said. "When I won the second set, which was very big for me, I really felt I could relax a little bit. After that I started to play better and better."

Soderling made a narrow escape to extend the third set serving at 4-5. Trailing love-30, he hit a forehand that was called wide, but the umpire climbed off his chair, checked the mark and ruled the shot a winner. Instead of love-40 and triple set point for Federer, the score was 15-30.

Then, at 30-40, Soderling erased the set point in a wild exchange. He charged forward

and hit a slam that Federer scrambled to chase down near the backstop, stretching to whip it back, and Soderling leaped to put away an over-the-shoulder backhand volley. The crowd roared with delight. Federer looked very unhappy. Soderling then whacked back-to-back service winners of 139 and 138 mph to hold for 5-all. It was the second consecutive service game he won after trailing love-30.

"That was a tough set for me to lose, having those chances," Federer said.

Rain prompted a delay in the middle of the next game. At that juncture, Federer led by one point after 167 had been played.

The match resumed on a drab evening in a half-empty stadium, and the remaining fans were firmly in Federer's corner.

But he promptly lost his serve, double-faulting before Soderling whacked a forehand winner for the break. When Soderling hit an ace to seal the set, Federer waved his arms as though helpless.

In the final set, Federer broke for a 2-love lead but

Olympic hockey, playoffs making the NHL cool again

By NANCY ARMOUR

AP National Writer

CHICAGO — Not too long ago, wearing Chicago Blackhawks gear would earn you quizzical looks or jokes about being the last of the team's fans.

Now the Blackhawks are the talk of the entire town.

"So many more people are talking about the Blackhawks, you need to follow them just to have a conversation," converted fan Paul Zywicki said.

The buzz isn't limited to Chicago. Fueled by a thrilling Olympic tournament in time-zone friendly Canada and down-to-the-wire playoff series involving some of the league's most storied franchises, the NHL is the hottest it's been since the pre-lockout days.

Television viewership in the United States is the highest in eight years, arenas have been filled to capacity — and then some — during the playoffs, new sponsors are signing up and merchandise sales are on the rise.

"As an athlete and as a hockey player, you feel like the third, maybe fourth or even fifth place in the sporting world," Blackhawks forward Adam Burish said. "But you can sense as you go around to the different cities, and especially here in Chicago, that hockey's exploding. It's

bigger than it ever was."

Already trailing the NFL and NBA in popularity, the NHL was in danger of becoming a niche sport after a lockout wiped out the 2004-05 season. It typically takes several years for any league to recover from labor strife, and there were a few factors making the NHL's return to relevance even tougher.

Most of the NHL's television package was moved to OLN (now Versus), which doesn't have nearly the reach as old partner ESPN. The first two Stanley Cup finals after the lockout were Carolina vs. Edmonton and Anaheim vs. Ottawa, teams that lacked the big names and buzz that can attract casual fans and create new ones. Chicago, home to one of the Original Six franchises and the country's third-largest media market, was a nonentity, mustering a season ticket base of just 3,400 in 2007.

The Olympic tournament at the 2006 Turin Games was a yawner, too. Sweden and Finland played for the gold medal while Canada and the United States finished at the bottom of the standings.

This year, however, the NHL hit the popularity jackpot.

"I think a big part of it was the Olympics," Philadelphia Flyers forward Daniel Carcillo said. □



Italy's Francesca Schiavone reacts after defeating Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki during their quarterfinal match for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday June 1, 2010.

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immediately lost serve. He saved three break points and held for 4-3, but there was no escape two games later, when he committed four unforced errors and was broken.

Match point came five points later, and Soderling hit a second serve that Federer couldn't put in play. The Swede walked to the net with his fist up, then pumped it to punctuate the breakthrough against his nemesis — and everyone else's nemesis.

"This is a big win, but it's not the final," he said. "I don't want to celebrate too much. I want to focus on the next game."

Soderling improved to 5-18 against players ranked in the top three. His only other major semifinal berth was at Roland Garros a year ago.

Francesca Schiavone became the first Italian woman to reach the French Open semifinals since 1954, then collapsed

face-down on center court and kissed the clay.

Schiavone upset No. 3 seed Caroline Wozniacki 6-2, 6-3. Seeded 17th, Schiavone is the first Italian woman to reach the semifinals at any Grand Slam tournament in the Open era, which began in 1968.

"I'll tell you the truth: I can't grasp the historical nature of what I did," Schiavone said. "But the importance of this victory, in itself? Yes. ... I'm enjoying it so much. When you work a lot, hard every morning, every afternoon of your life, and arrive at a good result, I think you feel much more."

Schiavone's opponent Thursday will be No. 5-seeded Elena Dementieva, who rallied past fellow Russian Nadia Petrova, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0.

The showing is Dementieva's best at Roland Garros since 2004, when she was runner-up. □

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AL Roundup

Rodriguez hits grand slam in Yankees' 11-2 win

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez hit his second grand slam of the season and Andy Pettitte was nearly unhittable, helping the New York Yankees beat the Cleveland Indians 11-2 on Monday.

Pettitte pitched seven innings, allowing three singles and Jhonny Peralta's 100th career homer, while striking out five without a walk. He retired his last 14 batters.

Both of Rodriguez' slams this season came after Mark Teixeira was intentionally walked ahead of him, and A-Rod is 5 for 5 overall when teams intentionally pitch around Teixeira. Rodriguez's seventh homer of the season leaves him 10 shy of 600 for his career.

The Indians trailed 2-1 in the seventh before shaky relief pitching did them in again.

Angels 7, Royals 1

At Kansas City, Ervin Santana pitched seven strong innings as the visiting Angels roughed up Luke Hochevar early on the way to a win over the Royals.

Mike Napoli hit a two-run homer, Juan Rivera and Maicer Izturis each had solo



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez follows through on a grand slam home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians Monday, May 31, 2010, in New York.

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shots off Hochevar (5-3), and Howie Kendrick had two RBIs to help Los Angeles kick off a season-long 14-game road trip with its fifth win in six games.

That was more than enough for Santana (5-3).

The right-hander scattered seven hits, allowing a run-scoring double by Jason Kendall in the fifth inning and little else to win his fourth straight start. He struck out

six and has allowed six earned runs the past 29 innings after a shaky start to the season.

Athletics 4, Tigers 1

At Detroit, Rajai Davis scored twice and Trevor Cahill continued to pitch well as the Athletics beat the Tigers.

The win was Oakland's third of the four-game series and fifth out of seven during their ongoing 10-game trip. Detroit has lost five of six.

The start of the game was

delayed by 2 hours and 42 minutes due to threatening weather, although no rain fell until more than an hour after the scheduled start. It started to rain again with Detroit batting in the bottom of the eighth, leaving the stadium almost empty by the end of the game.

Cahill (4-2) won his third straight start, allowing one run on five hits in 6 1-3 innings. Andrew Bailey got the final four outs for his 11th save.

Blue Jays 3, Rays 2

At Toronto, Brandon Morrow pitched seven strong innings, and Toronto threw out the potential leveling run at the plate in the ninth inning.

Evan Longoria tripled off Kevin Gregg with one out in the ninth, but he was thrown out trying to score on John Jaso's grounder to shortstop for the second out. Gabe Kapler ended it by grounding into a fielder's choice, giving Gregg his 14th save in 16 chances.

Adam Lind hit a two-run home run for Toronto.

Morrow (4-4) gave up one run and three hits, walked two and struck out one.

Matt Garza (5-4), winless in five starts, allowed three runs and a season-high 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Twins 5, Mariners 4

At Seattle, Michael Cuddyer and Jason Kubel homered on consecutive pitches, and Delmon Young hit a two-run shot as Minnesota beat Seattle to equal its season-high with a fifth consecutive victory.

Jon Rauch allowed a leadoff double by Jose Lopez and RBI single by Josh Wilson to begin the ninth. Pinch-hitter Ken Griffey Jr. grounded into a fielder's choice. Pinch-hitter Casey Kotchman hit into a double play and Rauch had his 13th save in 15 chances, and third in four days.

Francisco Liriano (4-3) allowed eight hits and three runs in six innings. He struck out seven to end his three-game losing streak.

In other AL games it was N.Y. Yankees 11, Cleveland 2; Oakland 4, Detroit 1; L.A. Angels 7, Kansas City 1; Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 2; and Minnesota 5, Seattle 4. □



Atlanta Braves' Troy Glaus follows through with a three-run home run in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies in Atlanta Monday, May 31, 2010. Atlanta won 9-3.

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NL ROUNDUP

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At San Diego, Jerry Hairston Jr. hit a grand slam in the second inning and Chase Headley had a homer among his four hits as San Diego set the scoring record for Petco Park in a victory over the New York Mets. The previous scoring mark was set by the Padres in a 17-2 win over Atlanta in their home opener on April 12. Petco Park opened in 2004. Headley scored four runs while Chris Denorfia and Adrian Gonzalez scored three apiece. San Diego roughed up left-hander Hisanori Takahashi (4-2) and the Mets' bullpen for 19 hits, matching the season-high set on April 12. At Miami, Cody Ross hit a three-run homer to spark Florida's biggest inning this year, Cameron Maybin hit an inside-the-park home run to help turn the game into a runaway as the Marlins erased an early four-run deficit in beating Milwaukee. Chris Coghlan singled and then hit a two-run triple in

what became a seven-run sixth for the Marlins, who scored four more in the seventh — the last two coming on Maybin's line drive to center that he beat without even sliding at the plate, crossing with both arms raised. Corey Hart hit his 13th homer and finished with two RBIs for Milwaukee, which led 4-0 after 5 1/2 innings. At Pittsburgh, pinch-hitter Bobby Crosby singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and Garrett Jones homered as the Pittsburgh Pirates ended a five-game losing streak. The Pirates were coming off a 1-6 road trip and had lost nine of 11, only to beat the Cubs for the eighth time in nine meetings.

In other NL games it was Atlanta 9, Philadelphia 3; Florida 13, Milwaukee 5; Pittsburgh 2, Chicago Cubs 1; Washington 14, Houston 4; Colorado 4, San Francisco 0; St. Louis 12, Cincinnati 4; L.A. Dodgers 5, Arizona 4; and San Diego 18, N.Y. Mets 6. □

TEAM office officially opens



PALM BEACH - On Monday morning, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the official opening of the new offices of TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More), the worker's union of the Westin Resort, Aruba.

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AHATA recognizes talented Recycled Art Competition winners

ORANJESTAD – At the conclusion of the 9th Annual Recycled Art Competition, winners were honored for their highly creative artworks created from recycled materials.

The various artworks, produced by the inventive minds of the approximately 750 participants, were on display during recent art expositions held at both the Oranjestad and San Nicolas branches of the public library, with jury members hard pressed to name overall winners.

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Downtown Oranjestad

Angela Croes to perform Flamenco show tonight

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worker's union of the Westin Resort, Aruba. Currently, TEAM has 251 members, and the union works cohesively with the resort to preserve associates'

well-being, personal, and professional growth. The TEAM board consists of seven members: Joanne Bardouille/president, Tania Larmonie/vice president, Martica Borja/secretary, Julio Restrepo/treasurer, and three supporting members-Nick Tromp, Katuska Sambo, and Johanita Croes.

The festivities yesterday were hosted by local celebrity, Tica Basha Abow, who cut the ribbon and toasted to the success of the organization. A beautiful cake was also cut for all associates to come and enjoy as they passed by to see the new TEAM offices throughout the day.



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In total, 10 schools, 10 businesses and 14 individuals, in both the amateur and professional categories, had participated in this year's competition, resulting in 245 different pieces of artwork and crafts.

AHATA Environmental Committee representatives, together with His Excellency Minister of Health and Sports Richard Visser, recently had the pleasure of recognizing the winners from the different categories and provided praise and prizes to the artists of the

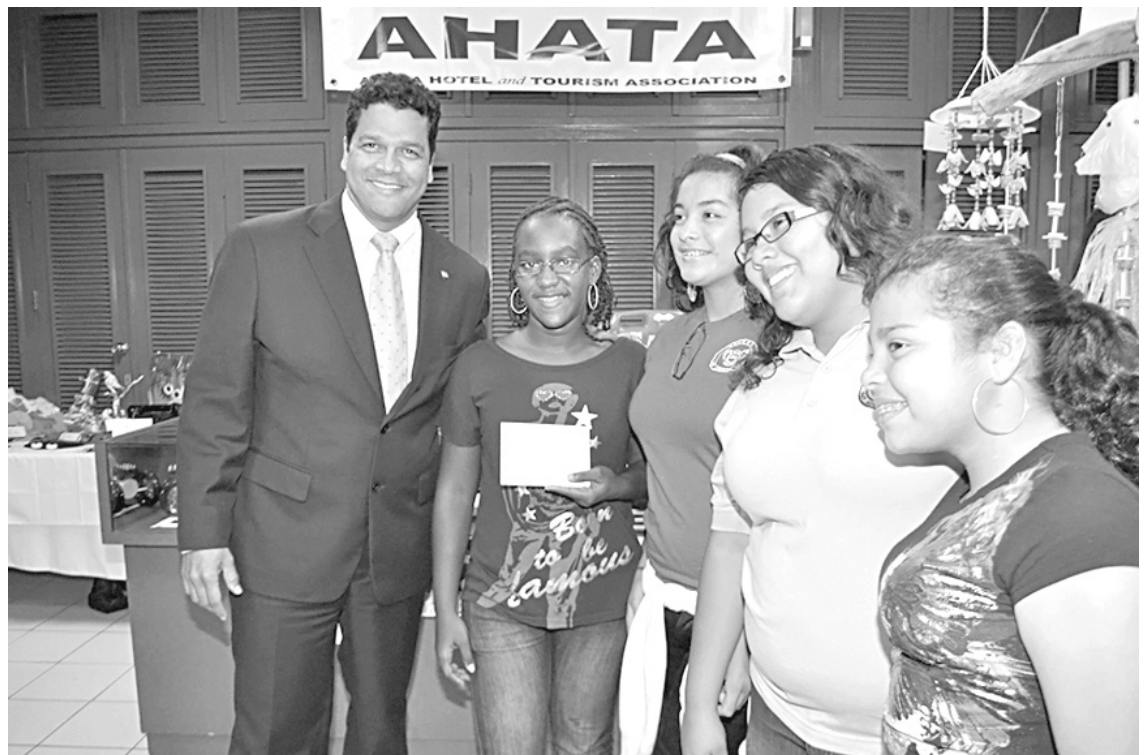
competition's most intriguing artworks.

Imelda Kindergarten students won not only the first prize, but also second and third in its category.

Conrado Coronel School won in the Elementary School category, grades first through third.

Maria School won in the Elementary School category, grades, fourth through sixth. In second place was the Kukwisa School, followed in third place by Maria School.

In the High School category, Filomena School won both



first and second place honors. In third place was San Augustin School.

In the individual category, Antonia Santa Cruz Cardona won first and second place in the amateur division. In third

place was Agnes Leslie.

In the professional division, Edgar "Poppy" Kock was named the winner, followed in second place by Ephraim R. Britten.

In the group category for team submissions from different businesses, Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort was named the winner, followed in second place by Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa and in third place by Bucuti Tara Beach Resort.

Congratulations go to all the competition's winners as well as everyone who participated in the event, which is held annually as a way to bring attention to both creative endeavors as well as to the importance of 'green' attitudes.

AHATA wishes to thank jury members, Astrid Britten, Carl

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ORANJESTAD – The Team of the First Quarter of 2010, including those who performed above and beyond expectations for January, February, March, was introduced during a fun lunch party, at the Renaissance Conventions Center.

For the Heart of the House, Edward Tromp, Casino Cleaning, nominated by Ben Esquera, was the ultimate winner.

For the Front of the House, a number of outstanding associates were named among them Alvin

Boekhoudt, Seaport Table Operation, nominated by Mirlanda Tromp; Mario Melvin Kock, Crap Table Operation, nominated by Rosendo Koolman; Rubert

Thomas, Marketing & Host, nominated by Anthony v/d Linden, and the ultimate winner Mirthania Rasmijn, Marketing & Host, nominated by Mariano

Arends.

As Supervisor of the Quarter Aurora Marcia Figaroa, Crap Table Operation was nominated

by Rosendo Koolman. She was the ultimate winner for the coveted title.

Pictured here the winners with casino management



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List everything that is abundant in your life. Write

down everything that pops into your head, as quickly as you can. Writing ideas down fast is one trick to listening to your Spirit, who tends to poke through when you don't have time to think. Now list the five items on your list that stir your emotions the most. Throughout each day, focus on feeling gratitude for the items on your abundance list.

This will get you in touch with your personal sensation of abundance, as you align the many aspects of

your self toward this feeling. When you focus on what you already have, your energy shifts from attracting lack to attracting abundance. This fundamental shift will transform your life, one moment at a time.

While necessities must be addressed, don't focus on the lack in your life, for you will empower the sensation of not having enough. Focus on abundance, which is the opposite polarity of the same energy, so you're already there, you just have to switch sides. When you focus on abundance, you become aware of what you have to be grateful for.

When you embrace the sensation of Gratitude, your energy is absorbed by the Human Mass Consciousness, where it adds to the Greater Good. Your energy rearranges three dimensions and saves lives that would have been lost without your contribution. Your expression of Gratitude directly affects people all over the world, in ways we can not possibly imagine. The balance within the Mass Consciousness is composed of everyone's intentions at all times. Be aware of what

you're contributing through your intentions.

As your energy contributes to the Whole, it grows. Your piece of Gratitude learns and evolves as it interacts with the Mass Consciousness to affect the three dimensional illusion. Your Gratitude evolves through experience in the Mass Consciousness. Then, the moment we are ready to accept it, our energy is reflected back to us, more abundant, more pure, more powerful than ever before.

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a human body! What more could we possibly be grateful for.

When you give your life Gratitude, your life will give you plenty to be grateful for.


Until Tomorrow...

~Quentin Danziger


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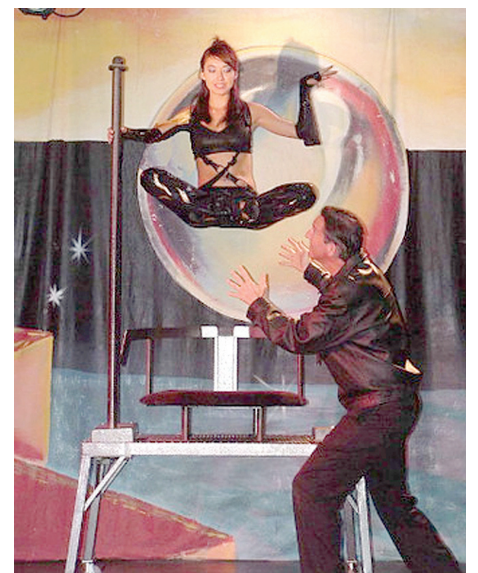
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Arion Wine Company and Ventanas team up

Westin's Best Chef competition guaranteed to be spectacular



PALM BEACH - The Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival is always a fun happening. The combination of these three main ingredients is a winning formula, and this year will be no exception. The event starts off this coming Thursday, June 3, with the Best Chef Competition, held in the Pago Pago Restaurant. Chefs from Aruba's most important

restaurants have drawn numbers for the course they will cook. Every chef also makes an amuse. The various wine importers of Aruba have carefully selected their best wines to go with each course. Lucky winner of the main course is Michael van Dorst, chef at Ventanas del Mar restaurant at the Tierra del Sol Golf course with the Arion

Wine Company. An innovative idea surfaced in Michael's mind: he wanted to create a spectacular main course with a specific wine in mind, not the other way round: that a wine is selected to go with the course. Last week he presented the result and the select group present at Ventanas del Mar was all agreed: it was a stunning combination. The



Catena Alta Malbec, 2006, went perfectly with the Lamb rack and 'saté of pine nuts', the Dutch asparagus risotto, the lukewarm Jelly of lamb and truffle, the bok choy/mango chutney salad and the Morels/honey vinaigrette. The fusion of intriguing and frivolous tastes blended with

and enhanced the ruby red Malbec.

Guests at the evening in Pago Pago can also look forward to an amuse by terrific chef Michael van Dorst: he will serve stuffed Canelones with a green peas/truffle mousseline and Croutons of potato on a salad of young spinach. □

Free Salsa workshop for everybody tonight

Fun filled SALSA NIGHT at Bugaloe Beach Bar



PALM BEACH - Tonight, around sundown everyone with a feeling for rhythm or anyone interested in Salsa and Merengue music is invited at Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill at De Palm Pier. A new edition of Bugaloe's Salsa Night will take place with a free Salsa

& Merengue workshop by ArubaSalsa with the PM Band live in concert! With motto 'Everybody can dance!' Bugaloe Beach Bar and ArubaSalsa dance school are offering this workshop free of charge! Aruba visitors as well as local residents will



have the opportunity tonight to experience the true meaning of Latin dancing. Reggie and Sabine from ArubaSalsa will show you the ins and outs of Salsa and Merengue dancing. In no time you will advance yourself to the dance floor. Or if you prefer, you can watch your friends' dance moves from the bar. Fun guaranteed!



"Bugaloe means fun, friend and happiness! With this workshop everybody can now experience the true joy of Latin-American dancing," Bugaloe's manager Marc Hernandez says. The free workshop will be from 7:30pm till 8:30pm. The swinging PM band will perform live from 7:00pm till 11:00pm. It promises to be another crazy

'must-go' night at Bugaloe. No entrance fee! On top of that Bugaloe is offering special rates on Amstel Bright and Mojito during Happy Hour from 5pm till 6pm. Just another good reason to visit Bugaloe! Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill is located at De Palm Pier between RIU Palace and Radisson Resort. □

World Cup Fever with Balashi beer!



ORANJESTAD - Balashi goes all out during this year's World Cup, offering fun and handy memorabilia for everyone that would like to support

their teams during this year's Soccer World Cup. Starting June, different places, such as supermarkets, gas stations and bars will be running



out with several happy hour promotions in different bars around the island. All you have to do is buy a Balashi beer and you can receive your Balashi World Cup item at the bar!

These bars will also have huge Balashi signs with the schedule of the games in their bar so you can see what the scores are. Participating bars are amongst

others: Cafe de Plaza, Chasers, Buster's Garage, Hooters and Champions. Many more are participating so check your newspapers! For the kids there are tattoos from Malta Balashi with Zakumi available at Tante Nini Snack and Mi Bunker snack. And remember: everything is available while supply lasts so be the first to collect all items! □



different promotions in order to receive these items. The items available are: special Balashi Aruba World Cup t-shirts, Foam Fingers with Balashi's logo in the colors of Holland, Brazil and USA, stick on tattoos in your team's favorite colors and of course the very famous and highly requested little pocket size schedules where you can see exactly which team is playing at what hour, and also to see which teams will be facing each other during the quarter-, semi- and big finals!

The main location where to get your Balashi Team Kit is Superfood, where all you have to do is buy 1 case of Balashi and you will receive your complete World Cup package including shirt, foam finger, 3 tattoos and the world cup schedule. Other locations to get Balashi World Cup items are: Brasil Food Center (to get your Brazil package), Captain's Cook (to get your USA package), Cheng's (to get your Holland package). You can also get your Balashi World Cup shirt at Valero Boulevard and Valero Oranjestad. Of course if you are looking for the perfect location to watch the games, Balashi is going all



At the Westin Resort, Aruba

Virginia couple shares vows at sunset



PALM BEACH - On Friday at sunset, Jerrhelyn Reyes and Jeff Madridejos exchanged vows and rings on the beautiful shores of Palm Beach. Coordinated by the Westin Resort, Aruba, the couple was joined by more than 50 family and friends who traveled to Aruba for

this special day and all the festivities surrounding it. Jeff and Jerrhelyn met and fell in love two years ago in Washington, D.C. The couple shortly returned to Richmond, VA where they now reside. After months of planning and working with the wedding and special events team at the Westin, the ceremony and the surrounding events were picture perfect. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at sunset were followed by a dinner reception at Westin's al fresco Sirocco terrace overlooking the pool and sea. The guests raved about the Chilean sea



bass, and even an island-wide power outage didn't damper spirits, as dancing went on late into the evening. One of the couple's favorite

parts about the Westin--their oceanfront honeymoon suite! The couple is already looking forward to their next vacation on Aruba. □

Wednesday, June 2, at Tierra del Sol Resort Spa & Country Club Aruba Donkey Sanctuary Golf Tournament Raises Funds for a Local Foundation



WEST PUNT – The first annual Aruba Donkey Sanctuary Golf Tournament, a 9-hole, 4 p.m. shotgun event, in an individual stableford format, will unfold Wednesday, at Tierra del Sol Resort Spa & Country Club, with players from Aruba and the US raising funds for a local charity.

The tournament will also welcome the New York Jets Cheerleaders, as they are here to shoot their 2011 swimsuit calendar and lend their image to good causes.

Sponsored by Tierra del Sol and the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association, the Tournament offered 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes which include two tickets to a New York Jets home game, Jets branded items as

well as items from Aruba's local businesses. The Aruba Donkey Sanctuary operating since 1997, became a reality out of the necessity to provide a protective environment for the animals. Approximately 40 donkeys now live at the sanctuary in Santa Lucia, with an additional 15 donkeys housed in Bringamosa. The Santa Lucia-based sanctuary welcomes guests, offering information and a tour of the grounds to interested visitors. Throughout the year, the Aruba Donkey Sanctuary volunteers continue their work to protect the donkeys as well as organize various fundraising events. The tournament is organized by Golf Pro Adam Williamson, contact him to participate: adam.williamson@tierradelsol.com. □



Whirling Rooms

By: Dr Carlos Viana

With my eyes closed my airplane instructor twists and turns the plane so that it is not flying level. This is a classic "unusual attitude" training every pilot needs to repeat to stay a safe pilot. I groan as I fight to keep from vomiting my breakfast. "OK, open your eyes and straighten the aircraft", orders my instructor. I open my eyes to find my instructor has covered my airplane instruments. Not good my instincts scream. Facing out to sea I cannot tell the difference between sky and ocean and my brain is telling me we are turning left.

The seconds tick off as I try to adjust the aircraft to what I feel is going on. "Now", I say implying that I think I have control of the airplane to my instructor as he uncovers my airplane instruments. As I look at my instruments. I am headed into the ground turning slowly in a classic flying problem, called the "graveyard spiral".

I have done this maneuver before and I know that in a spinning cockpit I have to trust my instruments even though my sense of balance, coming from my middle ear is telling me different. I line up the plane according to my instruments and start feeling a sensation of whirling or tilting that causes a loss of balance, a dizziness that puts my stomach wanting to give up breakfast.

"Vertigo", I complain as my instructor intently watches to make sure I have regained composure of both the plane and myself.

Vertigo from Latin that means "whirling about" describes a medical condition in which somebody feels the sensation of dizziness with the room spinning. Dizziness is an indistinct term which describes a variety of conditions ranging from lightheadedness, unsteadiness to vertigo and spans a large range of symptoms. These symptoms range from the most dramatic, vertigo, to the least severe, imbalance. Included in these feelings is fainting, which results in a loss of consciousness.

As a private pilot I know it is the sensory system located in the inner ear that helps the body to maintain balance. Balance in the human body is coordinated by the brainstem, which collects information from other parts of the brain and sensory organs throughout the body. The sensory organs that play critical roles relaying information to the brain-stem include the skin, eyes, muscles and joints, and the vestibular system in the inner ear. Dizziness may result with dysfunction in any of these components or in the nerves that connect them.

French physician Prosper Mènière described Mènière's disease as having four particular symptoms: vertigo lasting for an hour or more, but less than 24 hours; ringing or buzzing sounds in the ear; feeling of pressure or fullness in the ear; and some hearing loss. Some people are

affected in both ears; others just one ear. Onset of Mènière's is sometimes related to stress. Regular medicine usually looks for problems with the inner ear for dizzy symptoms. However, most people that we see have been dizzy for more than a couple of days.

As a Traditional Chinese Medical (TCM) physician I know the liver is involved in many problems with dizziness. The liver detoxifies our blood and an overworked liver produces a condition that we call "liver fire"; whose symptoms are dizziness, pain on the sides of the head at the temples, a sensation that you are choking, heart palpitations, and stomach upset. People with liver fire usually have a green hue around their mouths, wake up around 3:00am and get angry easily.

Lifestyle choices, including eating processed foods, taking pharmaceutical or other drugs, working or living with chemicals, bombardment of EMF's (electrometric fields) and not getting enough exercise all contribute to our toxic overload, making it impossible for our livers to work efficiently.

Interestingly, historically this condition was known here in Aruba and was called 'madder'. TCM views a healthy Liver as "The General" who sends energy in the form of fluid to various parts of the body. If the General's "palace," the liver, is on fire, the chain of command is broken. Menstrual flow becomes heavy or "reckless" and menstrual problems; bladder and painful lower

stomachs develop. Although, sexual desire drops, satisfying sexual activity is a great way to help "calm" the Liver. In our clinic we have found acupuncture treatments to be fantastic in improving a "hot" Liver, therefore helping dizzy symptoms. Milk Thistle, Astragalus root, Black Cohosh root, Don Quai Root, Red Clover and Rhodiola root as well as Evening Primrose Oil are beneficial herbs and oils for the liver. You improve liver function by slowing down alcohol consumption, exercising and eating natural food that is good for your metabolic type and prepare food that has not been fried, helps dramatically.

GetThePoint! Modern life can affect our body's equilibrium, particularly because of the toxins we are exposed to every day in our air, water and food. Additionally, sedentary lifestyle, chemicals, medicines, electrometric fields from computers, electrical transformers and cell phone towers all affect our balance. The right diet, acupuncture and herbs can help our body regain control of the spinning room. After you and you have explored possible infections of your inner ear, ruled out anemia, brain tumors, stroke, migraines, epilepsy, or multiple sclerosis, all which may result in feelings of dizziness; come in to have a TCM liver evaluation. Let us help you cool the fire in your body's palace and stop the whirling room. Viana Healing: Now in Noord at the Biocompatible (Mercury Free) Dental office: Practice



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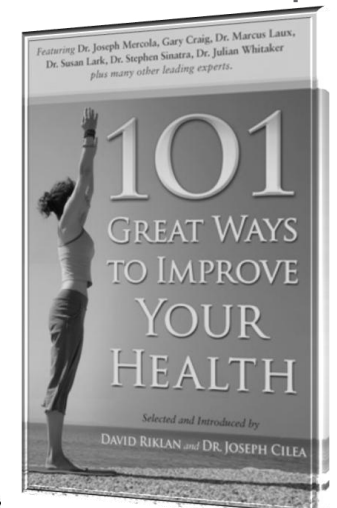
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ORANJESTAD - Café the Plaza is getting ready for a fantastic Soccer World Cup series. The popular café in the Renaissance Marketplace is already getting decked out in the colors orange, red, white and blue: the colors of the House of Orange and the Dutch national flag. A large

group of soccer fans always lets its rowdy presence be known there during important matches and this year will be no exception. The Dutch national team starts its World Cup series in South America on June 14 with an early morning match (early for Aruba) against

Denmark. On June 19 the consecutive match against Japan takes place, also at 7.30 am; the third match in the poule is against strong Cameroon at 14.30 pm on June 24.

A CD with the latest World Cup hits will be played during matches, but old-time favorites can also be heard over and over again. A huge Balashi score board on the back wall of Café the Plaza shows the World Cup's progress.

The customary game betting has already started: for AWG. 25,-- one can participate. The winner gets AWG. 800,--, second best gets AWG. 400,-- and the third prize is AWG. 200,--.

Café the Plaza will of course be open for the two early morning matches on June 14 and 19. From 6.30 am on breakfast, sandwiches and snacks will be available. Hopefully the Dutch national team will continue to do well; expectations are high, in Holland as well as on Aruba. Café the Plaza's team is ready. Their slogan: if you haven't seen the Soccer World Cup matches at Café the Plaza, you haven't seen it at all! ☐

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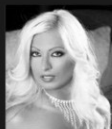
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Time to Call Out Israel's Bad Behavior

James Zogby

The Obama Administration's equivocation over Israel's outrageous deadly assault on humanitarian ships headed for Gaza, while not surprising, is nevertheless unacceptable. Once again Israel's bad behavior has dug a deep hole for itself, and we're left debating whether or not to jump in with them. Responsible governments behave responsibly. In its dealings with Gaza over the past 43 years, Israel has been anything but responsible, and we need to

clearly distance ourselves from their actions.

For decades Israel occupied Gaza reducing its people to total dependency as day-laborers in Israel. No infrastructure was built (no sewage, no paved roads, no sanitation system, no modern power grid etc). During the Oslo years, Israel remained in control of Gaza, allowing no independent Palestinian commerce to develop with the outside world. When Israel evacuated Gaza, they did so unilaterally and yet retained total control over all access and egress, thus insuring that the strip's economy would remain stunted -- with more than 65% of the population living below the poverty level and youth unemployment averaging 80% since the mid 1990's.

The on-going Israeli blockade of Gaza is illegal and immoral. Gaza is one of the poorest places on earth (I've been there and been overwhelmed by what I experienced). Israel blames the Palestinians for their own plight, but Israel is the occupying power that has de-developed and/or strangled Gaza for over four decades. What they are doing now, I believe, amounts to racially motivated collective punishment against an entire population.

The punishment of Gaza is extreme. People there (including U.S. NGO's) are unable to import basic materials needed to rebuild the thousands of homes that were destroyed in the January 2009 war. In addition there are severe shortages of potable water, power, fuel and medicines. Israel's argument that "there is no crisis" owes to the fact that Gaza's population are maintained at bare subsistence -- which can only be acceptable if you view Palestinians as less deserving of consideration than other human beings.

This naval assault was

unnecessary, brutal and heavy handed -- a crude and disproportionate use of power done to prove a point. What Israel will do now is display the same heavy handedness in their propaganda efforts: they will deny, they will intimidate opponents and they will portray themselves as victims (it helps that they are still holding the ships and many passengers -- thus giving themselves time to craft an uncontested response).

The US has too much at stake to play Israeli coatholder or cheerleader in this fight. This week the White House was hoping to give a boost to Israeli-Palestinian peace talks -- forget that for now. They were also hoping to build international support for sanctions against Iran -- forget that, too. And the White House was looking to mark the year anniversary of Obama's Cairo speech - failing to criticize Israel's behavior on the high seas, will dampen those Cairo+1 celebrations.

So what should the U.S do with Israel? If they are a friend and an ally we value, we tell them the truth. Tell them that their behavior is unacceptable and is only making the world more dangerous for us all. Demand that they submit to an independent investigation (since the attack was on a Turkish vessel in international waters). Demand that they end the blockade of Gaza (since this is something the White House has called on Israel to do since the President's second day in office). And demand that they recognize the consequences of their reckless behavior, not only for their interests, but ours as well.

Or we can, as we have done too many times in the past, jump in the hole they've dug and wallow around with them, until we're both a mess and then spend the next year or so trying to clean up. □

WHERE DOES THE BUCK STOP?

By Richard Reeves

LOS ANGELES -- President Obama, in an impossible position, decided to take a page from the Harry Truman-John F. Kennedy playbook as oil fouled the Gulf of Mexico and the second year of his presidency.

"The Buck Stops Here" read the sign on Truman's desk in the Oval Office.

"I am the responsible officer of this government," said Kennedy at a press conference after the disaster of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961.

In fact, or in private, Kennedy felt he was the victim of the incompetence and hubris of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Back in his office, he sputtered: "What the hell do they want me to do? Say we took the beating of our lives? That the CIA and the Pentagon are stupid?" His attitude about such things was expressed dramatically, and privately, again two years later during the terrible summer of civil rights in 1963. He lost his cool when the dean of the Harvard Law School, Erwin Griswold, offered this opinion: "It seems clear to me that (the president) hasn't even started to use the powers available to him."

"That son of a bitch!" said Kennedy when he read the Griswold quote. "Let him try."

When he calmed down, Kennedy laughed and quoted his favorite bit of Shakespeare. It was from "Henry IV, Part 1" -- where Glendower says, "I can call spirits from the vasty deep." And Hotspur replies: "Why so can I, or so can any man; But will they come when you do call them?"

I thought of that as I watched the pictures of President Obama looking out toward the vasty deep of the gulf and saying his administration was in control of the oily havoc out there.

He's not in control, of course, no more than he was a day later when he was to speak at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery for Memorial Day back in Illinois, when the skies opened up and lightning took over the

day. What a piece of work is man, but he's no Mother Nature!

And what a piece of work is leadership. It seems to me that Obama has shown real leadership in his year-plus in the White House. But it is not the kind of leadership many Americans want. Some are turned off by his cool and deep intellectual approach to the problems of the day -- and there are more problems than usual these days because of economic disarray and, frankly, because his predecessor was a fool.

Beyond the talents of individuals, as Kennedy perceived, and propagated, too, we have come to overrate the powers of the presidency. The idea that the country's racial divides could be closed with a few pen strokes, or that Haiti could be healed before or after an earthquake, or that the history of the Middle East could be changed in a few years, or that a political leader could stop an oil leak a mile under the waves -- those ideas are ludicrous. But we want to believe them, and political leaders encourage us to do just that.

It may be that what we want now is political leaders who cannot solve our problems but do feel our pain. That translates into demands that the president go to every disaster and look sad and angry. That seems to be what was demanded of Obama and of George W. Bush, too. A photo op looking toward the vasty deep. It's not easy in a time when people are chanting that there is too much government, but when something bad happens, people want to know why government can't fix it - right now!

So, what's a president to do? All he can do: react. Fulminate about bad guys to buy time. Then fire people who screwed up, punish corporations or institutions or individuals that violated the public's trust and ignorance. Put in new regulations and regulators and enforcers to ensure people play by the rules. Make them pay. No one is too big to fail. Call the cops! □

Candidato Santos propone a Chávez mutuo respeto con Colombia

BOGOTA (Reuters) - El candidato Juan Manuel Santos, favorito para ganar la presidencia de Colombia en segunda vuelta, propuso al venezolano Hugo Chávez recomponer los lazos, en un norte de su eventual Gobierno en el que proyecta insertar a su país en el escenario económico y político internacional.

En lo que puede ser visto como una bandera de paz, luego de que el presidente de la nación vecina previó una catastrófica relación con Santos, el candidato del partido de Gobierno lo invitó a un respeto mutuo de ideas y a retomar los vínculos de los que una vez fueron principales socios comerciales.

El líder político de 58 años también anunció su intención de convertir a Colombia en un gran jugador a nivel internacional, como México y Chile, y reducir la dependencia económica de Estados Unidos en materia de seguridad.

“Uno puede tener unas diferencias muy radicales frente a la forma de pensar y de concebir lo que es democracia y lo que es un modelo de desarrollo, pero si nos respetamos esas diferencias (...) podemos tener unas magníficas relaciones y tener un buen comercio y tener buena cooperación en la frontera”, sostuvo Santos en una entrevista con Reuters. “Yo aspiro a eso porque nosotros no nos vamos a poner de acuerdo en muchas cosas, pero si nos podemos poner de acuerdo en respetar las diferencias”, precisó el político refiriéndose a Chávez en sus declaraciones el lunes en la noche en la sede de su campaña, en el norte de Bogotá.

Santos ganó sorpresiva y cómodamente los comicios del domingo, pero no alcanzó la mayoría absoluta, por lo que deberá enfrentar en una segunda vuelta al ex alcalde de Bogotá y candidato del Partido Verde, Antanas Mockus, el 20 de junio. □



El candidato presidencial colombiano Juan Manuel Santos, del Partido ‘U’, durante una entrevista a Reuters, en Bogotá. Mayo 31 2010. REUTERS/Jose Miguel Gomez

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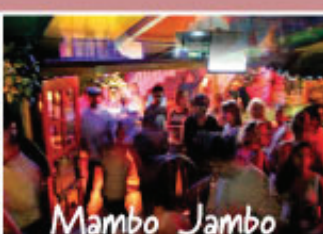
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